

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 8-15, as follows:

Cross Reference to Co-pending Application

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/011,097, filed December 6, 2001 which is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 09/345,125, filed July 6, 1999 (now abandoned). The disclosure of the above application is incorporated herein by reference.

This application discloses subject matter which is disclosed and claimed in co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. [[_____]] 09/358,080, Attorney Docket No. H-202971, filed ~~in July 1999~~ July 6, 1999 (now abandoned) in the names of David J. Hart-Predmore and William H. Pettit, and entitled "Methanol Tailgas Combustor Control Method," the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph on page 3, lines 15-29, as follows:

Fuel cell systems which process a hydrocarbon fuel to produce a hydrogen-rich reformat for consumption by PEM fuel cells are known and are described in co-pending United States Patent Application Serial Nos. 08/975,442 and 08/980,087, now respectively United States Patent Nos. 6,232,005 and 6,077,620, filed in the name of William Pettit in November, 1997, and U.S. Serial No. 09/187,125, now U.S. Patent No. 6,238,815, Glenn W. Skala et al., filed November 5, 1998, and each assigned to General Motors Corporation, assignee of the present invention. A typical PEM fuel cell and its membrane electrode assembly (MEA) are described in United States Patent

Nos. 5,272,017 and 5,316,871, issued respectively December 21, 1993 and May 31, 1994, and assigned to General Motors Corporation, assignee of the present invention, and having as inventors Swathirajan et al.

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, line 4-9, as follows:

Further details concerning the construction of the combustor 34 can be had by referring to pending U.S. Patent Applications Serial Nos. 08/975,422 and 08/980,087, now respectively United States Patent Nos. 6,232,005 and 6,077,620, filed in the name of William Pettit in November 1997, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph on page 18, lines 3-10, as follows:

Further details concerning the construction and operation of the above-described fuel cell apparatus can be had by referring to co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. [[_____]] 09/358,080, filed ~~in June or July 1999~~ July 6, 1999 (now abandoned), in the names of David J. Hart-Predmore and William H. Pettit, and entitled "Methanol Tailgas Combustor Control Method", the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.